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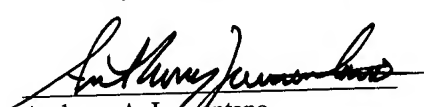
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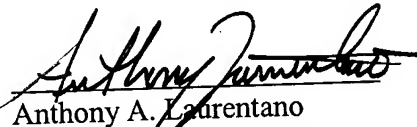
Japanese Publication No. P2003-220568A, with English abstract; and
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